IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 16, 17, and 23 in accordance with the following:

1-15.   (CANCELLED)

16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical recording medium recorder/reproducer, comprising:

an optical pickup used to record and/or reproduce data onto/from the optical recording medium, the optical recording medium having wobbles formed in at least one lateral surface of grooves of a user data area and a lead out area, wherein the wobbles of the user data area differ from the wobbles of the lead out area; and

a controller controlling the optical pickup to record and/or reproduce data onto and/or from the user data area and the lead-out area, ~~and discriminating between the user data area and the lead out area based on the wobbles of the user data area and the lead out area~~.

17.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 16, wherein the controller records a same predetermined pattern in the user data area and the lead out area and the ~~processor~~ controller discriminates between the user data area and the lead out area based on only ~~the~~ a difference in the wobbles.

18.   (CANCELLED)

19.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 17, wherein the recording medium comprises two or more recording layers for multi-layer recording, and the controller records a different predetermined pattern on the lead out area of each of the recording layers to distinguish between the recording layers.

20.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 19, wherein the controller provides a lead-out area having a width of two or more times a maximum allowance of disc eccentricity.

21.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 20, wherein the controller provides different synchronization patterns of signals in the user data area and the lead-out area.

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22.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 20, wherein the controller provides different synchronization patterns in respective lead-out areas of the two or more recording layers.

23.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 16, wherein the controller records different predetermined patterns in the user data area and the lead out area and discriminates between the user data area and the lead out area based on both ~~the~~ a difference in the wobbles and ~~the~~ a difference in the predetermined patterns.

24.   (CANCELLED)

25.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 23, wherein the recording medium comprises two or more recording layers for multi-layer recording, and the controller records a different predetermined pattern on the lead out area of each of the recording layers to distinguish between the recording layers.

26.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 25, wherein the controller provides the lead-out area having a width of two or more times a maximum allowance of disc eccentricity.

27.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 26, wherein the controller provides different synchronization patterns of signals in the user data area and the lead-out area.

28.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 26, wherein the controller provides different synchronization patterns in respective lead-out areas of the two or more recording areas.

29.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The recorder/reproducer of claim 23, wherein the controller records on grooves and/or lands formed on the user data area and the lead-out area.

30-31 (CANCELLED)

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